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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Figure 1 has been amended to correct reference number 22 to 23. No new matter has been added.

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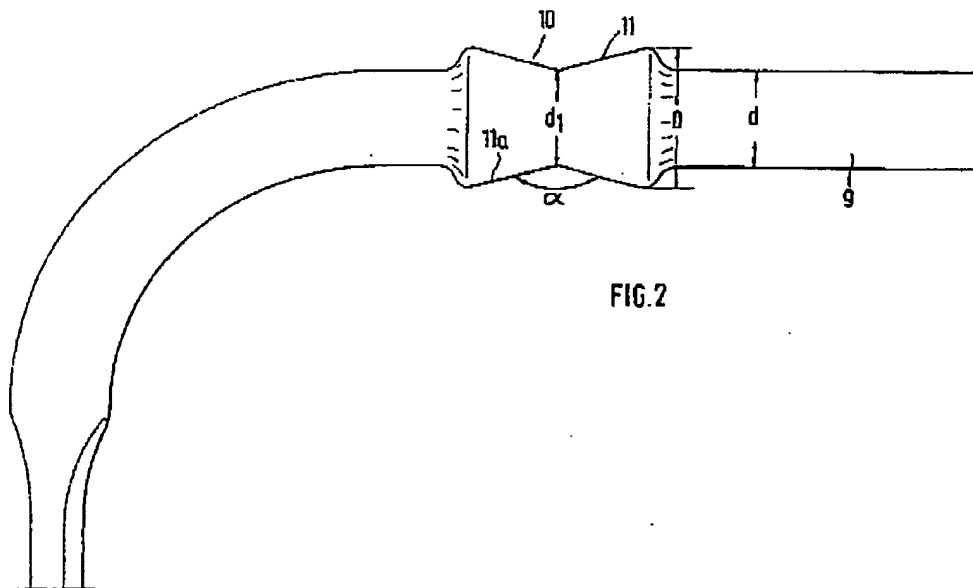
REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks. Claim 5 has been amended and new claims 14-19 are presented. Claims 6-13 stand withdrawn. Accordingly, claims 1-5 and 14-19 are pending.

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicant has amended claim 5 to depend from claim 1 such that any supposed inconsistency with claim 2 has been avoided.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by EP0496949. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Without a translation, Applicant does not have an opportunity to further refute the Examiner's contention. Applicant requests that the Examiner obtain a translation to substantiate the rejection or retract the rejection.

Aside from the lack of translation, EP0496949 ('949) reference fails to disclose or suggest an anti-shift collar thermally formed onto *said stabilizer bar*. As illustrated in the '949 reference, Figure 2 below, nothing is formed onto the stabilizer bar G.

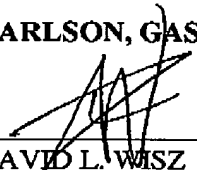


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In fact, the anti-shift feature, as best understood, is formed into and by the stabilizer bar 9. Thus, even if the Examiner gives no patentable weight to thermally formed, the '949 reference fails to meet the onto limitation recited in Applicant's claims. The claims are properly allowable.

Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. Applicant believes that no additional fees are required; however, should any fees or extensions of time be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No.08-0385.

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